



Mayor's Council for Women

Tuesday, February 9th, 2021 Minutes

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call- Amie Koch, Nana Asante-Smith, Rebekah Miel, Cassandra Stokes, Gloria De Los Santos, Shea Ramirez, Brenna Casey, Jillian Johnson
- III. Adjustments to the Agenda- none
- IV. Ceremonial Items- none
- V. Announcements- press conference 10:30am 2/10/21- Momnibus Act on federal level (Adam Adams). Gloria involved with Black Women's Maternal Health Care. Drafting legislation- Durham perspective (Can be there as DMWC) we cannot endorse a candidate, but we can speak as a board.
- VI. Public Comments- None
- VII. Approval of Minutes (12.8.20, 1.12.21)- Gloria made a motion, Rebekah seconds; Brenna moved motion, Rebekah seconds(1.12.21) minutes passed
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. DV/NCCADV conversation
 - i. NCCADV membership/community partnership update- We are now members, Rebekah has email/password,

will share information. –What is our engagement on using the resources (Nana will draft at later date).

b. Black Maternal Health Initiative- Cassandra met with Joy about the Black Maternal Awareness Week, April 11-17 virtual. There will be one specific day, Saturday April 10th

1. DMCW Keynote speaker (?) ideas- -Alma Adams, Natalie Murdoch, director of nonprofit Charles Johnson, Lauren Underwood, Whitney at the Renee <https://the-renee.com/> (Cassandra will send out a form where we can make recommendations on speakers/panel)
2. Intro about BMH problems in Durham and across the State, and testimonies, panel speakers
3. We will collaborate with Durham County Women's Council for April 10th -Amie motions to Rebekah seconds, all ayes

ii. Survey

iii. Spring forum

c. Latinx community needs

i. Legal

1. Pro bono legal services (DV/SA) – to include parking (for survivors of DV and Sexual assault).
2. Interpreters- within court system lack of interpreters accessible and available, hindering quality of services in the courthouse, -language line is costly – NC administration (advocacy) (Gloria will ask Charlotte team – court watch)

3. Increased access to mental health services
4. Small business loans (\$100 - \$500)- women wanting to start their own business
 - a. How can folks become identified as a Women run business in the city as a HUB certified business- can we assist with a workshop in getting people set up?
(Rebekah)
5. Childcare
6. Issues within the school system/district- mothers receiving bilingual support needs in the schools - (what schools are in need?) Gloria wok
 - a. Alexandra Valladares with the DPS school board (Amie will reach out)-
alexandra_valladares@dpsnc.net
- d. Social media- Brenna reported out on the SM (FB, Insta, Twitter) used to promote initiatives and events, and publicizing events in Durham and around the state. Hope to post once a week, have the posts bilingual.
 - i. Needs email address (Brenna will set up) (Rebekah will use that for set up for other services as well) (ie. this piece of legislation is passing, newspaper article, event, etc...etc)
 - ii. Brenna will send out links and will also ask for us to follow
 1. Vote- Gloria motioned to approve, Rebekah seconded, all aye, no nay

- iii. Shuttle things to Brenna Casey to post on social media
- e. 2021 meeting dates: 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14

IX. New Business

- a. 2021 initiatives & program ideas- Nana will send out the form for people to complete and sign, and send back
- b. Women's History Month- March
 - i. James asked if events were created
 - ii. Kickstart social media DMC4W in March with highlighting historic Durham women, and women owned business

- 1. Possible historic Durham women: Anne Atwater, Brenda Armstrong, of course Pauli- but she has a lot of recognition, and there are others in this paper:

<https://scholarworks.umb.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1405&context=nejpp>

Link from Rebekah- this is a good resource about women and the pandemic

<https://files.nc.gov/ncdoa/Exploiting-Inequity-Report.pdf>

X. Adjournment